Allergy due to wheat products

†4140. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allergy caused by wheat products is proving to be very dangerous for children;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to contain the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, Gluten, the wheat protein can cause allergic manifestations in some individuals and is called Gluten enteropathy/coeliac disease. It can be prevented/controlled by avoiding wheat, wheat products by individuals diagnosed to be allergic to this protein.

Diarrhoea Cases

†4141. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of Diarrhoea are coming to light in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected in the State of Gujarat;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to control the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Despite several steps being taken by the Government there continues to be a prevalence of water-borne diseases in the country particularly in slums and rural areas of the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) The number of cases detected in the State of Gujarat are as under:

Year	No. of cases
1998	2,07,027
1999	2,09,868
2000	2,03,942

(c) and (d) The precautionary control measures being taken by the Government include provision of safe drinking water and taking adequate steps to improve hygenic sanitation facilities to the vulnerable sections of the society, both in rural and urban areas. Steps have also been taken to create awareness among the masses about good sanitary habits and health seeking behaviour, which will contribute to reduction of incidence of Water-borne disease. The Government has also initiated an Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme (ORTP) and a National Surveilance Programme for Communicable Diseases (NSPCD) as a pilot project in selected district for detection of early warning signals of outbreaks of cholera and other diarrhoeal diseases and rapid response for prevention and control of these outbreaks. Six districts of Gujarat State, namely, Ahmedabad Kutch, Mehsana, Surat Banaskaha and Jamanagar are covered under National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases.

Order position of Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd.

4142. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the order position of the Andhra Pradesh based PSU, Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd, has been satisfactory for the last three years;

(b) if so, details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether the PSU has made up the entire losses suffered by it so, far;

(d) if not, the backlog thereof; and

(e) the assistance being provided by Government to this PSU to run efficiently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA: (a) No. Sir the trend of inflow of orders to BHPV during the last three years has not been satisfactory.